

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

Int. Application No
PCT/GB2004/004324

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC 7 C11D17/00

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

IPC 7 C11D

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

EPO-Internal, WPI Data, PAJ

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	US 2001/011067 A1 (ALLAN PETER STEWART ET AL) 2 August 2001 (2001-08-02) paragraph '0257!; examples	1-25
X	US 2003/050216 A1 (NEERGAARD RICHARD ET AL) 13 March 2003 (2003-03-13) paragraphs '0020!, '0024!; claims; examples	1-26
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Patent family members are listed in annex.

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Claims Nos.: 1-13,26

Claim 1 relates to a detergent body having a high proportion of a solid component and being produced in an injection moulding process. This claim is defined in term of a process of manufacture and is allowable only if the product, i.e. the detergent body as such is novel and inventive. The product is not rendered novel by the fact that it is produced by means of a "new process". Therefore, it is not possible to search claim 1, as well as the rest of the product claims and the use claim (claims 2 to 13 and claim 26) in a completely manner as such a search will reveal a very large number of documents relevant to the issue of novelty. So many documents were retrieved that it is impossible to determine which parts of claims 2 to 13 and 26 may be said to define subject-matter for which protection might legitimately be sought (Article 6 PCT). For these reasons, a meaningful search over the whole breadth of claim 1 is impossible. Consequently, the search of the product claims (claims 1 to 13) and of the use claim (claim 26) has been restricted to:

A detergent body showing advantages in physical properties as indicated in the present description on page 4, lines 5 to 11, i.e. benefits in terms of smoothness/glossiness of the external surfaces and low friability.

The applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that claims relating to inventions in respect of which no international search report has been established need not be the subject of an international preliminary examination (Rule 66.1(e) PCT). The applicant is advised that the EPO policy when acting as an International Preliminary Examining Authority is normally not to carry out a preliminary examination on matter which has not been searched. This is the case irrespective of whether or not the claims are amended following receipt of the search report or during any Chapter II procedure. If the application proceeds into the regional phase before the EPO, the applicant is reminded that a search may be carried out during examination before the EPO (see EPO Guideline C-VI, 8.5), should the problems which led to the Article 17(2) declaration be overcome.

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Box II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
2. ☒ Claims Nos.: 1-13, 26
because they relate to parts of the International Application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful International Search can be carried out, specifically:
see FURTHER INFORMATION sheet PCT/ISA/210
3. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box III Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this International application, as follows:

1. ☐ As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all searchable claims.
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Remark on Protest

- ☐ The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.
- ☐ No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

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